

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Monday, December 7, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Grove at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held honoring the anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, as well as for Mr. Len Trovero, good business partner to the City of La Salle, who passed away recently.

ROLL CALL

Present- Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Monday, November 16, 2015 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

PETITIONS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to grant the request of Ameren Illinois to break ground at 340 Raccuglia Drive to install gas service. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of the Utica Knights of Columbus to hold their annual "Hunger Blitz" project benefiting the Illinois Valley Food Pantry on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at IV Food Center and Save-a-Lot from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the Building Inspector's Report for October 2015 showing total fees collected of \$650.00 and total value of construction of \$595,405. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Report for October 2015 showing cash balances in La Salle State Bank of \$8,544,402.37 and in Hometown National Bank of \$37,229.33. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

BIDS

City Engineer Brian Brown explained that in Phase I of the city's goal to install wayfinding signs on Rt. 351, Route 6 and the downtown area, 24 signs were included in the initial layout. As part of IDOT's requirements, the signs need to be at least 24"x 30" and they must be seven feet off the ground to the bottom. Initial bids were obtained with the minimum size requirement. However, in looking at it more closely, the signs seem to be too small for the size of the pole. Therefore, a revised bids were sought for a 30' x 36' sign. The bids do not include installation, only materials. Discussion followed. It was decided that Don Aleksy will contact the low bidder and request a sample of the actual sign so that the alderman can view it prior to taking formal action.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Alderman Bacidore indicated that the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee met earlier to discuss the establishment of truck routes within the City. It was decided, in order for further investigation by the City Engineer, that the issue be tabled and readdressed at the next meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals concerning a request from Gary L. Bosi for a reduction in minimum lot size in an R-1 District from 7,500 square feet to 4,260 square feet for premises located at 1954 La Harpe Street related to potential sale of portion of said premises and related matters.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

OLD BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Request No. 1 from Seven Brothers Painting for the 9th Street Water Tower project totaling \$315,000. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Application No. 5 (Final) to John Pohar & Sons, Inc. for Rotary Park Phase II totaling \$75,583.75. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Request to finalize the 2014-2015 Sidewalk Program to Universal Asphalt and Excavating totaling \$24,000. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Estimate #6 and Final to Cruz Concrete, Inc. for the 2015-2015 Sidewalk Program totaling \$8,150.29. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

The aldermen briefly discussed a recent meeting held for members of the La Salle Business Association by representatives of the Kaskaskia Hotel. Many alderman were unable to attend because of the short notice. Alderman Schneider commented that he found it a bit disappointing that when the council requested a meeting with the representatives they were unable, yet they were able to go to the press and the LBA. Mayor Grove stated that he believes they do plan to present information to the council in the future. Mayor Grove thanked Mr. Limberger and Don Aleksy for arranging the meeting with the LBA and stated that the City remains hopeful that these plans for the property do come to pass.

Mayor Grove discussed the second public meeting held by the EPA regarding the Mathiessen and Hegeler Superfund Site. He stated that a lot of information was presented and there are still many unknowns. The Mayor added comments by the City will be sent by letter to the EPA. A draft letter will be sent to each alderman for review. Once approved it will then be made available to the public and the

press. The Mayor added that the City will look out for our constituents and do what is best for residents. Brief discussion followed.

Alderman Duncan asked for clarification on the procedure outlined in a recent ordinance change regarding the Redevelopment Incentive Program. His understanding was that Don Aleksy begins the process and then brings it to the council for final approval and he wondered if the other aldermen understood it the same way. Alderman Demes and Bacidore did not understand that the council was required to give final approval. The Mayor said he is always aware of which grants are given, but Don typically decides who receives the grants. It is done on a first come, first served basis. Mayor Grove stated that if the council wants to get more involved, that is fine with him. Alderman Ptak and Don Aleksy will meet to review the ordinance and make clarifications to the aldermen.

Alderman Ptak stated that Small Business Saturday was a huge success and complimented the organizers. Don Aleksy stated that many businesses reported double sales over last year. He indicated forty two stores participated. Jerry Reynolds stated that all the LPAC events are seeing increased crowds as well and membership to the La Salle Business Association has increased. Cynthia Carus commented that she was very impressed by the full size colored ad for Small Business Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file the 2016 Calendar of Regular Meetings of the La Salle City Council and it's committees. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file IDOT Compliance Review #69 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the City for the period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file IDOT Initial and Final Compliance Review for the receipt and disbursement of General Obligation Bond 12-00081-00 GB by the City. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove thanked all volunteers, staff and the Council for assistance with Small Business Saturday and Miracle on First Street. He thanked Jeff Bumgarner, Brian Brown, Beth Ketter, John Duncan, Carrie Brown, Staff, the Public Works department and all businesses and families who have made the Celebration of Lights possible at Rotary Park. The lights are on nightly from 5 p.m.-10 p.m. until January 3. Mayor Grove added that the 50/50 winner took home \$6,325.50. Proceeds go to LPAC which is the organization that sponsors Miracle on First Street, the St. Patrick's Day Parade, Celebrate La Salle, the July Fourth Parade and Hometown Halloween.

Alderman Ptak commented that the City is reducing the tax levy by 7.4% for our citizens. Alderman Ptak explained that two years ago this council decided to focus on reducing bond debt and not take any additional bonds out. This reduction is part of a long term plan but Alderman Ptak stated that we are seeing some short term effects. He added that by reducing our bond debt, the City is able to reduce the tax levy. Alderman Ptak stated that this council hopes to continue on the journey of reducing debt.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file **Ordinance 2614**: An ordinance levying for Corporate Purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2614– An ordinance levying for Corporate Purposes for the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2016.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to approve and place on file **Resolution 201507**: A resolution Abating principal and interest on \$695,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds) of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201507: Abating principal and interest on \$695,000.00 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010, (Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds) of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015.

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file **Resolution No. 201508**: Abating principal and interest on \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds Series 2012A of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201508: Abating principal and interest on \$1,000,000.00 General Obligation Bonds Series 2012A of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to approve and place on file **Resolution No. 201509**: Abating principal and interest on \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201509: Abating principal and interest on \$2,600,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2006, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County,

Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Resolution No. 201510: Abating principal and interest on \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201510: Abating principal and interest on \$1,875,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2010B, of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Resolution No. 201511: Abating principal and interest on \$800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201511: Abating principal and interest on \$800,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2012B of the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois for the tax levy year of 2015.

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Ptak to approve and place on file **Resolution No. 201512** authorizing Application to United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant Program (FY 2016). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Resolution 201512: authorizing Application to United States Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Assessment Grant Program (FY 2016).

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve and place on file
Ordinance 2615: authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement and related matters. Each and alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Ordinance 2615: authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to approve and place on file
Ordinance 2616: approving variance regarding reduction in minimum lot size in R-1 Zoning District for premises at 1949 La Harpe Street and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

**Ordinance 2616: approving
variance regarding reduction in
minimum lot size in R-1 Zoning
District for premises at 1949 La
Harpe Street. (Bosi)**

COMMENTS

Mr. Leonard Keenan of Rockwell Road commented how nice the light display is at Rotary Park.

Cynthia Carus asked for further clarification on the application to the USEPA. Don Aleksy explained that application to the Federal Government is for a \$400,000 grant to fund a Brownfields Assessment which would provide the City funding to conduct assessment of brownfields sites. The resolution passed this evening starts that process. The application for the Brownfields Grant will focus on the Vendome Building and Adrian's gas station as well as other problem properties.

Chief Bacidore stated that the new ambulance is in service. He also thanked all who came out for the recent Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the joint training center with Peru.

Brian Brown thanked Universal Contracting for donating materials, equipment and manpower to improve the back road at Rotary Park for Celebration of Lights.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$1,000,187.04 (Total Payroll \$356,167.38, Bills to be Paid \$156,083.12, Total Bills Paid \$487,936.54) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: Alderman Herndon Abstain: None

Motion Carried 7-0

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Schneider to adjourn the meeting.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

ADJOURNED 8:00 p.m.



Carrie L. Brown, City Clerk